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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES INDIANA UNIVERSITY POSITIVE INTEREST IN AMCIV CENTER AT UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW. DURING LUNCHEON FOR AASCU DELEGATION HOSTED BY RECTOR RYBICKI, PAO MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF INDIANA UNIVERSITY AS A PARTNER IN THE AMCIV PROJECT. BOTH RYBICKI AND PRO-RECTOR RODEWALD RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO INDIANA POSSIBILITY. AASCU GROUP ALSO WAS TOLD ABOUT WARSAW UNIVERSITY'S PLANS FOR AN AMCIV CENTER AND WAS SHOWN THE SAME FACILITIES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED TO EMBASSY. THE UNIVERSITY WOULD, OF COURSE, ALSO PROVIDE HOUSING AND OFFICE SPACE FOR THE RESIDENT AMERICAN AMCIV DIRECTORS.

2. WE FEEL CERTAIN THAT RYBICKI WOULD EXPECT HIS AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PARTNER TO PROVIDE SOME RECIPROCAL PROGRAMMING ARRANGMENT, BUT IT MAY BE SOMETHING OTHER THAN A POLISH STUDIES CENTER. THIS IS A MATTER THAT COULD BE RESOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO INSTITUTIONS. WE RECOMMEND THAT INDIANA WRITE DIRECTLY TO RYBICKI AS HE IS AWARE OF THEIR INTEREST. INDIANA LETTER SHOULD AVOID MENTION OF EMBASSY INVOLVEMENT IN FACILITATING THE EXCHANGE.

3. ON TIMING, WE CONCUR WITH DEPARTMENT POSITION IN SUBPARA 2(E)
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OF REFTEL. WE SEE NO POINT IN RUSHING THE ARRIVAL OF THE

JUNIOR POSITION. INDIANA SHOULD PROPOSE CANDIDATES IN THE LETTER TO RYBICKI AND SUGGEST PRINCIPAL CANDIDATE'S ARRIVAL DURING SUMMER OF 1974.

4. EMBASSY HAS HAD NO PROBLEM IN SUPPORTING OTHER POLISH UNIVERSITIES OPERATING ENGLISH PHILOLOGY OR OTHER PROGRAMS. EMBASSY P&C ALREADY OUTLINED MATERIALS SUPPORT FOR AMCIV PROJECT IN LAST BUDGET SUBMISSION. WE HAVE BUILT UP MODEST STOCKPILE OF BOOKS FOR AMCIV LIBRARY. NO IMMEDIATE NEED FOR AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT IS FORESEEN AS WARSAW UNIVERSITY HAS PROMISED TO MAKE AVAILABLE MODERN LABS AND MATERIALS INSTALLED IN PROF. GRUCZA'S LINGUISTIC INSTITUTE. OUR ONLY PROBLEM WOULD BE LOSS OF CONTROL OVER DIRECT PROGRAMMING OF AMCIV CENTER'S LECTURES, FILMS, ETC. HOWEVER, ONCE THE CENTER IS ESTABLISHED, WE WOULD OPEN UP OUR RESOURCES TO THE AMERICAN DIRECTOR AND WOULD HOPE TO ESTABLISH CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH HIM.
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